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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
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Dear Attorney General Ashcroft:

This letter is to express my feelings about the proposed settlement that has been agreed to by the United States Department of Justice and the Microsoft Corporation. I am of the opinion that the settlement reached is more than reasonable, and it should be implemented as soon as possible. I feel that further litigation against Microsoft is analogous to "piling on", and not in the American spirit. When is "enough, enough".

During this time of recession, it is clear that we must let our competitive system help restore the economy. Microsoft is willing to change licensing and marketing practices, signaling their cooperative attitude. Since this decision is in the best interest of America and the economy, we need to support the process and let business get back in gear. There is no need to keep Microsoft under the federal microscope any longer, especially since the settlement calls for an oversight committee to monitor Microsoft's compliance with the settlement.

America needs as many innovators as possible right now, and Microsoft is our biggest. I support the settlement, and hope that it will help restore America's economy to what it was before the antitrust settlement came about.

Sincerely,



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